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Farewell to Trinidad . . .

The 20 ft. container arrived at #10 Bayo Drive-Kolohal Road on May 5 and several neighbors and church members came to help us load it. After a long afternoon and evening it was finally packed—all the way to the back door, floor to ceiling! Our final days were very emotional as we said good-bye to friends, neighbors, church members and our fellow co-laborer, Pastor Gosyne. We were honored with a farewell dinner by the Morton House Committee, Aramalaya Presbyterian Church and two farewells by Covenant Reformed Evangelical Church. People were so kind in their expressions of love to us in word and song and many tears were shed. We rest in the thought that our Heavenly Father loves and cares for His children no matter what part of the world they live in. He will keep those we love in Trinidad in His love and care and we are just a phone call, letter or e-mail away. We are amazed at how the Lord used us during our 5 1/2 years in Trinidad, not just in the Church, but in our neighborhood, as well. Many of our neighbors were so sad to see us go and said, "it just won't be the same without you here." We truly have had the privilege to serve in God's vineyard in Trinidad. But God leads and moves His children on and now I have a great opportunity to serve in God's vineyard through Ministries In Action. We never

thought that God would lead us back to Miami, Florida, the place where Adanna and I both grew up. My how things change in twenty-two years! Miami is an international city and the "gateway to the Caribbean, Latin America and South America." We look forward to many years of ministry with God's people in Brazil, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad. God truly has blessed us "abundantly beyond what we could even ask or imagine." We thank you, family, friends and faithful supporters in finances and prayers, for making this ministry possible for us. We love you and "thank God upon every remembrance of you."



Rev. Gosyne & Rev. McGee



One last hug between Geneva, June Sankar and Hannah at Piarco International Airport



Joshua w/ Mark & A.J. unloading our container in Miami.

. . .And Welcome to Miami, Florida, USA

THANK YOU

- to Al Gemmen for loading and driving a truck from Michigan to Miami with all that we had in storage for the past six years. Thank you, thank you!

The back of our new home in Miami.



Does God Really Care About Unborn Babies?"

by Joshua McGee

In the Church, all kinds of postmodern thinking has crept in, whether it be atheism, homosexuality, abortion, etc. In an article pertaining to atheism, Pastor Burk Parsons writes, ". . . Many Christians have shut their mouths and closed their eyes, pretending that this humanistic, atheistic nonsense will all just go away without affecting our churches and our children."

This same principle can be applied to abortion. Too many Christians have kept silent concerning these postmodern ideas and it's time that we as the church of Jesus Christ stand up and preach the Gospel unashamedly (Romans 1:16). Let's take a look at a few of the arguments the world uses for abortion and then see what the Word of God says pertaining to that argument.

1. The World: "If a woman wants to abort her baby, let her do it. This is her body and she has a right to do what she wants with her body".

The Scriptures: Psalm 24:1-"The earth is the LORD's and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein."

The idea that man is his own boss and that he is free to do what he wants to his/her body is a lie. The woman can think that she is master over her own body and choose to abort her baby, but if she does she will one day stand before God and will have to give an account as to why she did so. If we are in charge of our own bodies why are there laws against prostitution, indecent exposure, etc.? We do not belong to ourselves-we belong to God as clearly stated in Psalm 24:1.

2. The world: "If a woman is raped and becomes pregnant, she should be able to abort her baby because it is unwanted; and imagine the pain that child would experience knowing his/her father was a rapist. This is something no child should go through."

The Scriptures: Genesis 20:17-18-"So Abraham prayed to God and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore children; for the LORD had closed up all the wombs of the house of

Abimelech. . ."

We serve a sovereign God Who is sovereign over all believers and unbelievers. We read in the passage above that God opened and closed the womb as he saw fit. To justify abortion on the basis this basis is an attack upon God's sovereignty. Ethel Waters, a Gospel singer for the Billy Graham Crusade, was conceived from the act of rape. God used her amazing voice and courageous spirit to impact millions of people. God can use a child whose mother was raped in ways that we could never imagine. Who are we, being fallible, finite beings, to tell an infallible, infinite God who He can and cannot use for His honor and glory. God is always in control, and He has ways of reminding us of that.

3. The world: "A fetus is still dependent upon its mother and can't be qualified as a human being."

The Scriptures: Psalm 139:13-"You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb."



11 week old fetus in his mother's womb

God cares about unborn children. He creates them. The New Testament does not make a distinction between young children and unborn babies. Luke 1:41-. . .that the babe leaped in her womb." John the Baptist was still a babe in his mother's womb and the Greek word for "babe" in this passage is *brepchos* and it can mean an unborn child, an infant or it can mean a young child. Paul writes in II Timothy 3:15, "and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures." Again, the word *brepchos* is used for childhood. Another point is that in Luke 1:15 God says that John the Baptist ". . .will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb." If an unborn baby were not a living, human being then why would God fill it with His Holy Spirit? Nowhere in the Scriptures are unborn babies made out to be non-humans or people. Whether a fetus or infant, humans will always be humans and abortion is always murder.

Yes, abortion is a sin but it is forgiven under the blood of Jesus Christ. I John 1:9 states: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We serve a merciful, gracious God who forgives us, no matter what sin we have committed, based on the completed work of His Son, Jesus Christ.

MTW Medical Team June 2009

A team of eighty doctors and students arrived June 14 to hold clinics in four locations. Three of these locations were new to hosting clinics (Chase Village, St. Helena and Laventille). The Chase Village Clinic, where Covenant Reformed Evangelical Church is temporarily located, was able to minister to 300 people.

The Laventille clinic happened as a result of the Deputy Commissioner of Police contacting Rev. Gosyne. The Deputy Commissioner had heard that a team of doctors was visiting Trinidad and asked if it would be possible for them to hold a clinic in the Laventille area. This contact opened wide the door for our future ministry in one of the most needy, crime infested areas in all of Trinidad & Tobago.

A July meeting was scheduled at the request of the Deputy Commissioner of Police wherein Rev. McGee and Rev. Gosyne personally met with several of the high ranking police officials of Trinidad. They have asked us (Covenant Reformed Evangelical Church/Mission Trinidad) to partner with them in addressing the needs of the children, young people and single mothers. We are plan-

ning a two-week youth camp for the Summer of 2010, an additional MTW medical team the end of 2009 and Summer of 2010. We hope to organize a twenty foot container of baby clothing, baby food and formula, medical supplies and clothing (children and expectant mothers). Plans are to have the container ready to ship the beginning of December. Your tax deductible donations may be sent in care of Ministries In Action, Laventille Project, 10201 Bahia Drive, Suite 11, Miami, Florida 33189, and should arrive no later than November 15, 2009.

We rejoice in this door which God has opened to impact this culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



The MTW Medical Team was escorted into Laventille by police buses.



MISSION TRINIDAD-COVENANT REFORMED EVANGELICAL CHURCH-MARS HILL (MINTS STUDY CENTER)

Before leaving Trinidad in May, I led and preached seven Lord's Day morning worship services and also taught ten Sunday School classes. I was also able to finish the New Member's Class. Two new families began visiting the church since May.

Chuck and Dawn Newell are now "on the ground" and doing a tremendous job in administrating Mars Hill (the MINTS Study Center) and working one-on-one with new believers in the Church.

Dalis and Anna Lee Ward have arrived and are working along side the Newells with the radio ministry and discipleship, as well as the youth ministry.

Jeff and Jamie Garrett continue to raise their support and hope to be in Trinidad beginning 2010. Continue to pray for these new couples as they continue the work of Mission Trinidad along side Rev. Gosyne.

Rev. Dr. Richard Wolfe (MTW taught a class on church leadership the end of April. Chuck Newell has met with the students each week in order to finish this course. Classes have ended for the summer break and will resume in September. Neal Hegeman plans to teach a course in October. I visited Trinidad in July and taught the adult Sunday School class, led and preached the worship service and hosted a four hour radio broadcast. I plan to be back in Sept/Oct to teach at our MINTS center and preach at CREC.

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Prayer Requests

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

- ◆ Continue to pray for our family as we adjust to living in the United States again; for our health and strength and for our protection
- ◆ Pray for Steve as his duties & responsibilities have increased; pray for him as he continues his doctoral studies
- ◆ Pray for our children as they begin a new school year and participate in a home school enrichment program
- ◆ Pray for MIA and the missionaries serving in foreign countries:

Brazil: Onesimo & Marilda DeArruda

Dominican Republic: Dr. Silvia & Samuel Martinez

Grenada: John & Denise Lewis

Haiti: Joan Page-Bain, Eneck & Aliette Desir; Joseph

Solange

Jamaica: Lloyd & Elaine Cooke;
Billy & Sherry McKillop; Clive & Hyacinth Stephenson

St. Vincent & the Grenadines: Paul Duncan

Trinidad: Rev. Geneva, Hannah, Adanna, Rev. Steve & Joshua
Ricky & Denise Gosyne; Chuck & Dawn Newell; Dalis & Anna Lee Ward; Rev. Jeff & Jaime Garret to raise funds to be fully supported by Dec. 2009.

- ◆ Steve as he travels to Haiti August 24-28 to teach (with Rev. Brasile St. Germain-Director for Haiti) a 3 day seminar on church growth to 200 Haitian pastors and to Trinidad in September to teach a Church History class at Mars Hill Institute.



**Geneva, Hannah, Adanna,
Rev. Steve & Joshua**